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Sir:

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I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS, AND OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications and other information requested to be considered by the Office (except unpublished U.S. patent applications) are listed on Form 1449 attached hereto.

II. COPIES

A. Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed, other than U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications unless required by the Office; (iii) each unpublished U.S. application listed below in Section IV (i.e., including the specification, claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed, including any claims directed to that portion), except for such applications filed on or after June 30, 2003, pursuant to the Waiver of the Copy Requirement in 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (OG Notice dated

October 19, 2004); and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

B. Any patents, publications or other information which are listed on Form 1449 or on the copies of PTO-892, but which are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

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C. This is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the United States. A copy of the International Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information. The documents listed on the International Search report are listed on the attached Form 1449 for consideration by the Examiner and for listing on any patent resulting from this application. If the International Search report was from the US, EPO, or JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above-identified application. (MPEP 1893.03(g).)

III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE (check at least one box)

A. Except as may be indicated below in (B), all of the patents, publications or other information are in the English language (concise explanation not required).

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1. See the attached foreign patent office communication from a counterpart foreign application:

2. English translations are provided:

3. Other:

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Enclosed is a copy of the May 25, 2005 European Search Report in EP Application No. 05001398.6, which claims the benefit of the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

Also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration are copies of the Office Actions issued in related co-pending patent applications as indicated below:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,801 – OA Mailed 7/15/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,801 – OA Mailed 12/9/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/463,801 – OA Mailed 5/11/2006
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/620,213 – OA Mailed 3/22/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/873,084 – OA Mailed 10/18/2006
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U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/424,642 – OA Mailed 12/13/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/760,662 – OA Mailed 12/14/2005
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/760,662 – OA Mailed 6/13/2006

IV. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)

A. The Examiner is advised that the following co-pending application(s) contain(s) subject matter that may be related to the present application. By bringing this(these) application(s) to the Examiner's attention, Applicant(s) does (do) not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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